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SUBJ: JP NARAYAN'S PASSAGE THROUGH CALCUTTA

- 1. WEST BENGAL CONGRESS PRESIDENT P.C. CHUNDER, WHOM I CAME ACROSS AT SOCIAL FUNPMJ, LAST NIGHT, TOLD ME THAT 135 CONGRESS O ACTIVISTS WERE ARRESTED PRIOR TO JP NARAYAN'S PASSAGE THROUGH CALCUTTA JULY 19 AND THAT MANY WERE HELD FOR AS LONG AS FIVE DAYS. CHUNDER HIMSELF WAS NOT PICKED UP SINCE HE WAS IN TAMIL NADU, TAKING PART IN A CONGRESS O RALLY THERE.
- 2. CHUNDER SAYS THE ARRESTS DID NOT PREVENT SOME CONGRESS O PEOPLE FROM GOING TO THE AIRPORT TO SEE JP OR CALLING ON HIM IN HOUSE IN CENTRAL CALCUTTA WHERE HE STAYED DURING THE STOPOVER. THEY FOUND JP STILL PROPOUNDING THE IDEA OF A UNIFIED OPPOSITION PARTY. HE SAID HE PLANS TO STAY IN PATNA PERMANENTLY AND WANTS TO RESUME POLITICAL ACTIVITY THERE. CHUNDER COMMENTED THAT AUTHORITIES OF COURSE WILL NOT ALLOW JP TO DO SO BUT IN ANY EVENT HIS HEALTH IS SO POOR THAT HE IS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO CARRY CONFIDENTIAL

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